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TITLE OF INVENTION: HYDRODYNAMIC THRUST BEARING

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Applicant : Juergen Oelsch

Serial No. : 10/621,763

Filed : July 17, 2003

Title : **HYDRODYNAMIC THRUST BEARING**

Examiner : Lenard A. Footland

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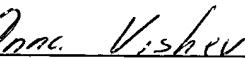
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**  
**AND ISSUE FEE DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated September 29, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the Part B – Fees Transmittal Form, PTOL-85, Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, a check in the amount of \$1700.00 in payment of the issue fee and publication fee; and return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500675, Order No. 057517-0047.

Respectfully submitted,  
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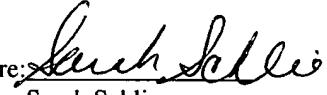


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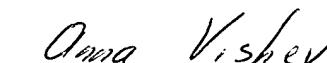
**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

The Applicant submits that the invention set forth in each of the claims is patentable for reasons set forth in the specification of the present application as well as for all of the reasons set forth in the remarks submitted during prosecution of this Application.

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